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ian guards patrolled the piers and waterfront area and liberty was granted the crew (on one day's notice) until 2200. It was necessary for personnel leaving the waterfront area to stop at the Customs House for validation of their passes. Access to the city was gained through a gate northeast of the Customs House which opened into the Cape Constanta area.

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50 feet tall and over 100 feet in diameter.

Port Facilities all facilities in the Port of Constanta in excellent condition. Subject vessel was berthed during its stay at the pier immediately south of the Customs House on the east side of the barbor. It was berthed first at the head of the pier and later on the south side. Four cranes, of approximately 3 ton capacity each, which were on railroad tracks along the pier, as well as ship's winches, were used in unloading the vessel. Despite the equipment available, the unloading operation was described as extremely slow and inefficient. It took three weeks, working three shifts a day, to unload the cargo of the vessel, which had been loaded at Antwerp in seven days, using only one 8-hour shift per day. The slowness of the operation was attributed to lack of know-how on the part of the unloading personnel, and even more, to their lack of energy. Subject vessel took on bunkers at the south side of the new petroleum pier. the petroleum pier had ir the vicinity of eleven pipe lines running along the top of the pier, supported on racks at a height somewhat over six feet from the pier: that these lines were approximately 15 inches each in diameter. si numps on the south side of the pier and stated that there were more than that on the north various tankers, which were observed being loaded side. at the petroleum pier, remained on an average of 24 hours. The estimated size of these tankers was around 12,000 tons. the number of tanks shown in the petroleum storage area(on ref) to be somewhere near correct. Sizes of the tanks vary, but in the main they tended to be around

Vessels Observed - Along the west side of the east breakwaler, which apparently serves as a Naval Station, ther were always five or six motor torpedo boats. Seven or eight more were pa rolling the area off Cape Constants outside the breakwater. During the three weeks the vessel remained at Constanta a considerable number of tankers loaded at the Petroleum Basin. These included about eleven Soviet All of these tankers were estimated to be in the vicinity of 12,000 tons. Whenever a Soviet tanker appeared it was given priority at the pier. If the pier was full, a foreign ship was made to discontinue loading and give its place to the Soviet. Two identical Soviet passenger ships made a regular run between Odessa and Constants. one appearing at Constants about the passengers aboard appeared to every two days. be a regular cross section of population, and no troop movements via these the vessels were recognized vessels were observed. as passenger vessels which were built in Copenhagen three or four years prior to World War II. They make a speed of about 22 knots.

Miscellaneous - Only Rumanian troops were used in guarding the waterfront the average age of the privates as between 20-ATOB. Their uniforms were described as khaki, of a somewhat yellowish 23 years. a large number ahade. of sailors and many Soviet military personnel dressed in green uniforms similar to the uniform of the German Army in World War II, except that yellow or gold shoulder boards were almost universally worn. A number of personnel

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wearing Soviet uniforms spoke among themselves in Rumanian, giving the impression that they were native Rumanians serving in the Soviet army.

a large proportion of the Soviet-uniformed military personnel observed fell into this category. It seems more probable that the personnel referred to were Russians who have learned humanian prior to or during their occupation. Most of the personnel in Soviet uniforms who were observed speaking Rumanian appeared to have their families with

before going ashore they had heard that the Casino on the southern shore of Cape Constants. was a sort of public recreation spot where beer would be available, but, upon arrival at the Casino they found that it had been converted into a meeting hall and that there was no activity whatsoever there when they visited it.

| There is a large picture of Stalin on the side of a warehouse on the east breakwater facing west so as to be plainly visible from most points in the harbor. This warehouse is believed to be part of the Naval Station.

pictures of Stalin were prominently displayed in the Agent's offices and in the Casino. There were no pictures of Malenkov in any of these places. No evidence of any recent civil disturbance was observed. There was considerable evidence of a serious food shortage among the civilian population, although the military appeared to be well fed and clothed.

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